# ABSTRACT

An image processing apparatus includes an overlay detector and a memory. The image processing apparatus and method sequentially process graphic rendering instructions for image data. The graphic rendering instructions include first and second graphic rendering instructions. The first graphic rendering instruction is input immediately preceding said second graphic rendering instruction. The first graphic rendering instruction contains first rendering data representing a first original image to render a first output image. The second graphic rendering instruction contains second rendering data representing a second original image to render a second output image. The first original image is overlaid by the second original image.